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CHOCOLATES

TV, radio agree to give soccer a new, "fair deal"

After a few years of frustration, soccer in Sydney may finally have a chance to improve its publicity image, at least as far as some TV and radio stations are concerned.

At a specially convened conference last week representatives of two TV stations promised their co-operation.

They were Martin Royal of ABC-TV and Frank Bird of ATN Channel 7.

Ron Casey of TCN Channel 9 also attended but remained non-committal.

Channel TEN, though invited, was not represented at the conference.

This meeting was arranged by the NSW Federation's

publicity sub-committee, headed by Jim Bayutti.

During the discussion Frank Bird denied charges — including those made by us from time to time — that it was his station's policy to ignore or play down

soccer.

He told the meeting that last year they had the utmost difficulties in getting fast and reliable soccer information for ATN sports programs.

"Last year we ran 22 soccer segments in our Saturday evening show," he said. "Our problem was to add suitable and correct sound commentary to these films."

"Rex Mossop and I don't know anything about soccer and we couldn't identify the various players."

"This is where we need help."

Bird also pointed out that it was up to the Federation to provide them with "soccer copy" concerning pre-match publicity and post-match details.

"If we get these we will certainly use them," he added.

Martin Royal told the meeting that weeks would go by without the Federation or the clubs making any use of 2BL's daily sports program between 6.30 and 6.45 p.m.

"The time is available and all soccer has to do is provide the ABC Sporting Service with news items of sufficient interest."

So now it's mainly up to soccer itself to publicise its own affairs.

Some people feel, however, that soccer is being singled out as a "self-supporting" sport.

The Federation and clubs will have to provide all the news and results for the commercial stations if we want to rate even some brief mentions.

But the same stations regard it as their duty — which it is — to gather their own information about racing, rugby, cricket and many other sports.

Still, we are convinced



"Okay, fellows, whom should I slap on the back first?". Canterbury forward Rinos (centre) seems to ask Yugal's Bobic (left) and Banicevic (right) this pertinent question during their Ampol Cup battle last Sunday.



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Vic. gains top ground

Homeless after their eviction from Elsternwick Park, which has been returned to Australian Rules, Melbourne-Hungaria and Juventus have successfully concluded arrangements with the St. Kilda Cricket Club to lease the ground for soccer.

This has been done with the approval of the Albert Park Trustees who have already transformed Middle Park into a first class soccer stadium for Hakoah and South Melbourne-Hellas.

Although negotiations have

been carried on in secret for the past between the two soccer clubs and the St. Kilda Cricket Club, one man has probably swayed the change-over to soccer and made the deal possible more than anyone else.

He is Senator Pat Kennelly, who for many years has been migrant-conscious and recognises the need for the sport to have good facilities.

The St. Kilda ground became vacant in 1966 with the move of the St. Kilda Aussie Rules Football Club to their

new ground at Moorabbin.

In 1966 Sandringham Rules club played at St. Kilda but reports say they are moving back to Sandringham.

The St. Kilda ground can hold nearly 35,000 spectators and has stands which accommodate 7,000 people.

Melbourne soccer facilities are now unequalled in any other State with Olympic Park, Middle Park, Jubilee Park, and now St. Kilda available for soccer.

— Bob Low.

SAINTS CREATE AMPOL RECORD, YOUNG BERRIES CAUSE SHOCK

The semifinal hopes of Polonia and Melita took a tumble when they both suffered narrow 0-1 defeats at the hands of Hakoah and Croatia respectively last Friday night.

In winning, as expected, for the second time in a row, Hakoah took out a strong option on a place in the semifinals and at this stage must be favored to win Group "B".

St. George's huge win on Sunday shoots them to a comfortable lead in Group "A" where Cumberland become the first team in the series to drop out of the running altogether.

Last Friday:

Hakoah wins again

Hakoah scored another 1-0 victory to consolidate their position at the top of their group in the late match.

In the early game the depleted Croatia narrowly accounted for Melita Eagles, whose forwards again lacked thrust.

Details:
Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, Sloan; Curry, Bonham (Bonazza). Snedden; Tyrrell, R. Cush, F. Cush, Reynolds, Kakakios.

Croatia v.

Melita Eagles 1-0

Croatia scored the only goal of the match one minute before half-time.

Croatia were without skipper Ron Giles, out through injury and Melita had two new faces in the forward line: Bob Hunter (recently signed from Corinthians) and L. Azzopardi, an experienced and long-standing campaigner.

In the first half, Croatia deserved to be in front as they did most of the attacks that kept the experienced Melita defence working overtime.

But the first dangerous shot at goal came in the fifth minute from Melita's Tom Mulqueeney when his drive from about 25 yards touched the outer side of the crossbar.

Almost at once, a clever move started in midfield by Bonham, with lightning passes involving the five forwards, was wasted when Frank Cush skied the ball from 10 yards out with only goalie Eaton to beat.

Croatia kept the pressure on and forced three corners within minutes which the Melita defence cleared with difficulty.

Vic Reynolds, playing at inside-left, easily the best player on the field, with his accurate passing and lightning runs on the left flank kept the crowd cheering wildly.

In the 26th minute, in one of Melita's increasing attacks, Bonham was injured and had to be carried from the field.

He was replaced by Bonazza.

Then in the 34th minute, a driving run by Croatia's centre-forward, Frank Cush, caught the Melita defence flat-footed and his perfect centre found the head of the on-rushing Vic Reynolds who angled the ball beyond the reach of Eaton's outstretched hands.

In the second half, Melita put everything they had into attack to get the equalizer.

Melita kept up the pressure for a long period until Hunter tested Corry with a hard shot.

Then, a quick move with an exchange of passes from the right and left flanks brought Mario Azzopardi face to face with Corry but his shot bulleted past the post.

For Melita the outstanding player was Fred Falzon who untiringly kept the defence one step ahead of the fast moving Croatia forward line.

Details:
Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, Sloan; Curry, Bonham (Bonazza). Snedden; Tyrrell, R. Cush, F. Cush, Reynolds, Kakakios.

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Falzon, Woods; Hewlett, Cilia, Jaros; Hunter, M. Azzopardi, Mulqueeney, Stefanovic, L. Azzopardi.

Scorer: Reynolds, 34 min.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Hakoah v.

Polonia-NS 1-0

Hakoah coach Tiko Jelisevic should be pleased with the improved display his team gave on Friday night.

Although it was a match of missed chances and exceptionally bad shooting by the Hakoah forward line, Hakoah were still vastly superior to Polonia.

Polonia, with as much as eight men in defence most of the time, hardly raised one attack that could be classed as dangerous during the whole 70 minutes.

Any attacks, which were few and far between, depended solely on the speed of clever inside forwards Krawiarz and Gaik.

On the previous showing, Hakoah has improved greatly and the looseness which was evident earlier, has disappeared.

Their defence was unshakable and the formidable Alan Marnoch dictated the midfield play.

In the forwards Red Edmunds' brilliant moves in the centre were ably supported by the speedy Fekete on the right wing and the elusive artist Doug Holden on the left.

Hakoah nearly scored in the first minute when a first timer by Duffy from about 35 yards hit the crossbar.

In the second half, Polonia replaced Bazak with Gonzales.

Hakoah kept hammering the Polonia posts and in the 55th minute Red Edmunds converted a move that started on the right wing with a powerful drive that went beneath the diving Drenniak.

In the last stages, Polonia threw everything into the attack to get the equalizer but the Hakoah defence held firm.

Details:
Hakoah: Fuzes; Edwards, Duffy; Walsh, Marnoch, Atoua; Fekete, Jones, Edmunds, Hood, Holden.

Polonia: Drenniak; Calphy, Cebula; Gawlik. Dzialach, Nowacki; Woodward, Gaik, Adamson, Krawiarz, Bazak (Gonzales).

Scorer: Edmunds, 55 min.

Referee: H. Eilers.

Crowd: 3,014 (double-header).

— Charles Spiteri

Last Sunday:

Saints' new tandem

Playing splendidly in the second half, Canterbury came within inches of beating Yugal in the early game of last Sunday's Ampol double-header, and were, surprising as it may seem, unlucky only to draw 1-1.

Spearheaded by the irresistible Cliss and Warren (five goals between the two), St. George-Budapest "massacred" Cumberland 8-2 in a fast-moving late match to stake a serious claim to one of Group "A"'s semifinal berths.

Yugal v.

Canterbury 1-1

One goal apiece within a minute of each other late in the first half was a meagre reward for two sets of forwards who enjoyed great freedom of movement all throughout the match.

Despite the low scoring, the forwards were well in control for most of the game in which defences took a back seat.

Yugal were attacking most in the first half where they should have led by at least a couple of goals instead of sharing the points at the break.

Canterbury were rarely in it in the first 35 minutes and their equaliser in the 31st minute, barely a minute after Bobic had slammed home a lovely cross by Alagich who had waited through the Canterbury left flank of defence, came as a total surprise and was completely against the run of the play.

Canterbury were unable to hold the fast-moving Alagich, who was his old self again.

On several occasions Yugal came within inches of scoring but were thwarted either by the crossbar, the post or some magnificent goalkeeping by Mel Clarke.

The second half told a vastly different story as Canterbury stormed into attack straight from the kick-off.

They bustled the leisurely Yugal defence off their feet and spent the great part of the second half in Yugal territory.

Forwards Graham Clarke, Jamieson, Rinos and Romanos played havoc with Yugal's defence, revealing glimpses of unsuspected talent that must have gladdened the heart of their delighted fans.

Yugal, at no stage, looked the polished team that swept Cumberland off their feet the previous week.

This was mainly due to the inexplicable lack-lustre display of Takac — a mere shadow of the player who had impressed so against Cumberland.

It was left to Alagich on the right wing to bear the brunt of Yugal's attack.

He nearly pulled it off, against the run of the play in the second half, when

through sheer speed he outran the Canterbury defence on three occasions, only to see his passes wasted.

Ironically, it was Yugal who were presented with the best scoring chance of the second half despite Canterbury's constant pressure.

In the 60th minute Takac was blatantly pulled down in the penalty area with the goal at his mercy but referee Buchanan ignored the obvious penalty.

A Yugal victory, however, would have been grossly undeserved as the gallant, greatly improved Canterbury deserved a draw in quite a pleasing match which could easily have gone their way in the second half.

Details:
Yugal: Djukic; Ringhoff, Crnich; Stosich, Banicevic, Rafaneli; Alagich, Takac, Edwards, Bobic, Lalic.

Canterbury: M. Clarke; Raeburn, Williamson; Hardy, Drikos, Dos Santos; Grapsis, Romanos, Rinos, G. Clarke, Jamieson.

Scorers: Bobic 30 min. for Yugal; G. Clarke 31 min. for Canterbury.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

St. George v.

Cumberland 8-2

St. George-Budapest's eight goals last Sunday created an Ampol Cup record as never before had any team scored so many goals in 70 minutes.

As a taste of things to come, Saints also set some sort of a record by only taking 15 seconds to open the score when Hillhouse collected a Cliss pass straight from the kick-off to blast the ball past the young, untried Cumberland 'keeper Hopkins, playing in his first senior match.

Cumberland made a good recovery from this disastrous start and offered stout resistance until the 27th minute when Warren scored after everybody had stopped, including goalie Hopkins, waiting for a foul referee Wilson never whistled.

There was also an element of doubt in Saints' third goal, just before full-time, when Cliss appeared to be a good yard off-side when he slammed a beautiful angled drive into the right hand side of the net when everyone expected him to send a cross over.

There was, however, no element of doubt in the manner in which St. George went about demolishing their opponents in the second half.

Inspired by twin spearheads, Warren and Cliss, the Saints were suddenly

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Cliss may yet fulfil his early promise

— BY ALAN SPEERS —

A man now supposedly in obscurity brought a touch of soccer genius to Sydney's Wentworth Park last Sunday.

The player was David Cliss, the new St. George-Budapest forward, a well built, smallish chap bearing close resemblance to referee Tony Boskovic.

In a recent book London sportswriter Ralph Finn referred to Cliss "as the greatest talent yet produced in England."

However, Finn added, that "Cliss failed to develop as expected and faded into obscurity . . ."

Last Sunday Cliss started off on the long road to prove Finn wrong: he gave a sparkling display very much in the top English pro class.

Cliss, 26, arrived in Australia about three months ago, with his wife and two children.

He has played in only two matches to date, but on last Sunday, showed

"Because I was only 15, I could not be signed as an apprentice professional, and spent two years on the ground staff at Stamford Bridge (Chelsea's home ground)," Cliss says.

"Some of the other youngsters on the ground staff have done quite well for themselves."

"There was Jimmy Greaves, later to play in Italy before being transferred back to Spurs. He and I were great mates while at Chelsea."

With Greaves

"Others there around that time were Les Allen, who also went to Spurs, Terry Venables, Barry Bridges, and Peter Brabrook."

"All are still playing in England."

"I spent a year in Chelsea's reserve team after signing apprentice forms at 17."

"Then I won a place in the first team, alongside Greaves and company, and I was in and out for about the next four years."

Managing Chelsea at the time was Ted Drake, a former Arsenal player, who still holds the honor of scoring more goals in a single match than any other player in the history of English pro football.

Drake once scored seven goals for Arsenal in a First Division match.

Chelsea's struggle to stay in the First Division inevitably meant dissension in the club, and Drake left Chelsea to take over at Guilford, a Southern League team.

Drake out

Drake's position at Stamford Bridge was filled by ex-Scottish international, Tommy Docherty, whose outspoken and volatile attitude has established him as one of the most controversial managers in English football.

"One week I would be included in the first team, the next I would be dropped," says Cliss.

"I didn't need to be a genius to see the way things were going."

"When Guilford offered me a good contract, together with a house, I jumped at the chance."

Cliss spent three years with Guilford.

He was approached to come to Australia by an agent for Saints, and then had talks with club president, Les Bordacs, when Bordacs was in England for the World Cup.

What does the future hold for David Cliss, the player whose career looked set to carry him to great heights?

Cliss has signed a 12-month contract with Saints, but is unsure of anything beyond that period.

"At the moment I'm letting things come as they may," he says.

"We'll see what happens when the time comes."



DAVID CLISS

some of the form which must have inspired Finn's claims about his potential greatness.

Cliss scored twice, and "made" at least three other goals, in Saints' 8-2 win over Cumberland.

He has quickly developed an understanding with Johnny Warren, who scored a hat-trick, and, between the two, they tore Cumberland's shaky defence to pieces.

In St. George-Budapest he has renewed an old acquaintance with Roger Hillary who, when Cliss was a Chelsea first team player, was one of the team's promising juniors.

Schoolboy star

Cliss' outstanding potential first became apparent when, in 1955, he was chosen to play for England schoolboys against Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and Germany.

He scored twice in the match against Ireland, at Luton, but it is the match against Wales that he remembers most vividly.

"We played Wales at Wembley in front of about 96,000 screaming, cheering, schoolboys, and it was an experience I'm never likely to forget," he recalls.

"We managed to win 2-0."

Cliss left school at 15, and it was Chelsea, then struggling to stay in the First Division, who won the race for his services.

Yugal need goals to retain semis chance

By LOU GAUTIER

The highlight of this weekend's two Ampol Cup double-headers will be Friday night's late match between APIA and Yugal at Marks Field.

The vastly improved South Coast United and Canterbury will feature in a lively early game on Friday.

Both Sunday matches at Wentworth Park — Prague v. Melita Eagles and Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — have all the ingredients of exciting, durly-fought clashes which may go either way.

South Coast v. Canterbury

Two improved teams meet here in a match which may turn out much more than just a mere curtain-raiser for Friday's late game.

Both teams showed a complete reversal of form in their second outing after atrocious first match displays.

South Coast came ever so close of beating APIA two weeks ago and Canterbury can be considered darn unlucky not to have come out on top in their match against Yugal last Sunday.

Canterbury, after a quiet, tentative first half, were all over Yugal like a rash and deserved better than a share of the points as their forwards had the Yugal defence in all sorts of bother.

Their improvement on the form shown against APIA was nothing short of remarkable and suggests that South Coast will have to pull out all stops to notch their first win of the series.

Canterbury's defence was steady and reliable against Yugal, and since South Coast's forward-line appears no stronger than Yugal's, the Berries need not harbour any complex on Friday.

South Coast will probably have a midfield advantage with Salisbury, Carr and Barnes overshadowing the Canterbury inside-trio despite the hard-working Romanos.

South Coast's biggest asset will be right winger Denis Patterson, in great form at the moment.

Patterson will have to be watched closely if Canterbury's defence is to retain its composure.

On their showing against APIA, South Coast command the utmost respect and should win.

Watch for: Young Canterbury winger Graham Clarke, perform with the coolness of a veteran and use his speed to great advantage on the Berries' right flank.

APIA v. Yugal

With St. George is such devastating form, Friday's late game assumes tremendous importance as the result will have a big bearing on deciding the group's semi-finalists.

Yugal may bitterly regret their draw against Canterbury last week as it is now imperative that they at least draw with APIA to keep their semifinal hopes alive.

They are unlikely to be able to call on the services of newly-arrived star halfback, Ante Zanetic, as the Yugoslav international is unfit after a long lay-off.



St. George-Budapest goalie Nick Sokoloff (right) punches the ball away from two Cumberland forwards, both of whom pull their neck in at the crucial moment. Saints won 8-2 and now head Group "A" of the Ampol Cup.

Alagich showed a welcome return to his old form last Sunday but, surprisingly, Takac was nowhere near the form shown against Cumberland.

Should both Alagich and Takac be in the mood, Yugal may make it hot for an APIA defence which doesn't appear to have settled down yet.

Yugal, however, are unlikely to apply the killing pact produced by South Coast that nearly toppled the Cup holders.

Yugal's leisurely pace, particularly in midfield, should suit the fast-moving, powerful APIA to the hilt, enabling them to grab the initiative from the start.

The two sets of forwards hold the key to the match.

Takac, Alagich, Giacometti, Campana, Blue and Watkiss have what it takes to turn on a sparkling display of attractive, attacking football.

We have a hunch we'll see plenty of goals and exciting action in this all-important match which we expect to go APIA's way.

Watch for: An explosive, all-action dual between Yugal speedster Alagich and APIA's rugged national team aspirant fullback Ackerley.

Prague v. Melita Eagles

This is a match Prague just must win to retain even a slender chance of reaching the semifinals.

Five times winners of the Ampol Cup, Prague, to put it mildly, are in a pickle this year.

Their very young team of mainly inexperienced players has a very long way to go before equalling the feats of the great Prague teams of the past.

However, in young Manual, Lissing and Minor they have the foundation of a team that may soon recapture some of the greatness that was once Prague's.

Melita Eagles tasted defeat last week, and probably not for the last time in this

their first season in top company.

It is imperative for them to strengthen their forward line.

Staunch defence alone has never won matches.

Prague's collection of youth and sprinkling of experienced players is in with a good show here to, at least, share the points, but goals should be at a premium.

One goal apiece is what we expect from Sunday's early match at Wentworth Park besides plenty of atmosphere provided by Melita's enthusiastic band of supporters who are infusing much needed, welcome color to the terraces.

Watch for: Terry Eaton, in the Melita goal — one of the most talented in a fine crop of young goalkeepers that have highlighted the start of the 1967 season.

Pan Hellenic v. Croatia

Two teams that have flattered so often only to deceive meet in Sunday afternoon's late match.

Although both are still undefeated, neither has anything to crow about.

Croatia, against Melita Eagles, last week again broke down badly in front of goal, only scraping home by the odd goal in a poor match.

Pan Hellenic's forward-line has been off-target since the start of the season and with the players at their disposal at the moment their attack appears unlikely to improve.

Pan Hellenic badly need a goalscoring forward in the Ninaus, Yardley or Giacometti calibre.

Since they just haven't got one, their forwards seem doomed to fritter away countless chances set up by their competent midfield men.

Croatia have been in similar bother this year but they are in a better position, because at least they have the talent in the forward ranks to come good some day.

Players like Giles, Reynolds, Cush and the much-improved Tyrrell are all superior to their Pan Hellenic counterparts. The steady form of Sned-

den and Lincoln and goalie Corry's desire to impress his former team-mates all indicate

a narrow win for Croatia — a win which will take them a long way towards securing a berth in the semifinals.

The success they pine for so ardently will only come Pan Hellenic's way when their

players instil some method in their ragged, frenzied tactics.

The more poised, better organised Croatia should chalk up the points.

Watch for: Jack Curry, the Croatia star, regain the composure that made him one of Australia's top defenders not so long ago.

THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

South Coast v. Canterbury — Marks Field, 7.00 p.m.
APIA v. Yugal — Marks Field, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park, 1.45 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Wentworth Park, 3.15 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Hakoah v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field 7.00 p.m.
Pan Hellenic v. Polonia-NS — Marks Field 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

St. George v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park 1.45 p.m.
APIA v. Cumberland — Wentworth Park 3.15 p.m.

AMPOL TABLES

GROUP "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	2	2	—	—	10	2	34
APIA	2	1	1	—	7	3	24
Yugal	2	1	1	—	6	3	23
Canterbury	2	—	1	—	2	6	7
S. Coast	2	—	1	1	2	4	7
Cumberland	2	—	—	2	4	13	4

GROUP "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	2	2	—	—	2	0	26
Croatia	2	1	1	—	2	1	19
P. Hellenic	2	—	2	—	2	2	12
M. Eagles	2	—	1	1	1	2	6
Polonia-NS	2	—	1	1	1	2	6
Prague	2	—	1	1	1	2	6

AMPOL REFEREES

South Coast v. Canterbury — J. Scarborough; APIA v. Yugal — A. Boskovic; Prague v. Melita Eagles — F. Woolman; Croatia v. Pan Hellenic — K. Lockrey.

WIN: 12 pts.
DRAW: 5 pts.
GOAL: 1 pt.

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GROUP "A"

	APIA	St. George	South Coast	Yugal	Cumberland	Canterbury
APIA	●					
St. George		●				
South Coast	2-2	0-2	●			
Yugal				●	5-2	1-1
Cumberland		2-8		2-5	●	
Canterbury	1-5			1-1		●

GROUP "B"

	Hakoah	Prague	P. Hellenic	Croatia	Polonia	Melita Eagles
Hakoah	●					
Prague	0-1	●				
P. Hellenic		1-1	●			
Croatia				●	1-1	1-0
Polonia	0-1			1-1	●	
Melita Eagles			1-1	0-1		●

Melbourne club chatter

Keenan in demand by several clubs

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

One of the most impressive players in the Ampol Cup has been Croatia left winger Joe Keenan, who may soon transfer to Sydney's Cumberland.

Nearly four years in Australia, the former Yoker Athletic junior joined Hakoah after a senior spell with Scottish second division side East Stirling.

Two years with the Middle Park side and Joe's form was of the see-saw variety — more down than up, although it was obvious that he had the natural skill and ability to be one of the best touch-line players in the State League.

However, his inconsistency saw him eventually replaced in the Hakoah team and Croatia promptly stepped in and splashed out a considerable fee to secure his transfer.

Since moving to Croatia almost two years ago Keenan has played a leading part in the rise of the club where his skilful left wing play has enabled his teammates to score many goals.

Three weeks ago Keenan took over the captaincy of the side for the night and this seemed to give him even more inspiration.

However, he may move his quarters and already tentative enquiries have been made for his services by Cumberland (Sydney) and George Cross in Melbourne.

A late report states that Juventus with a left wing problem may also move for Keenan.

Rasic, the former JUST and Victorian fullback who went to Sydney last season and transferred to Yugal is still on the sidelines and out of action.

Still a Yugal player, Rasic has regretted his move to Sydney and is now adamant that he is back for good in Melbourne where he is settled with his wife.

He is too good a full-back to be standing idle. It seems it's now up to the player and Yugal to sort things out amicably.

Relegated to the First Division, Wilhelmina or as they are now called, Ringwood City, have made a last minute bid to avert the drop by submitting a motion that the State League be increased to 14 clubs which would save their skin.

The increase in number would also include St. Albans who finished runners-up to the promoted Makedonia in the First Division.

By the time this goes to press the issue will be decided.

The proposal is on the agenda of the State League Management Committee which took place on Tuesday evening.

However, the position is rather complex and especially since the Board of

Management have a resolution that promotion and relegation at the end of 1967 should be the same as in 1966.

It's obvious of course that the resolution by the Board of Management was made before the Wilhelmina proposal was submitted to the State League.

General feeling on the Wilhelmina proposal is it will be rejected by the majority who regard it as unconstitutional and also uneconomical.

And as there have been strong feelings in the past few years to reduce the State League numbers, one can hardly imagine an increase in the present 12 clubs will be approved.

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George Cross added to their staff last weekend with the return from Scotland of star wing half Tommy McPherson who also brought with him a former team-mate in Bill Armour who plays inside or centre forward.

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Reappearing for Juventus against Slavia was former Lions 'keeper Dieter Voigt who had been back in his native Germany since the end of last season.

With a 'keeper problem it was a welcome return for Juventus.

But it was not a happy ending story.

For Dieter had an unimpressive come-back and gifted one of his side's goals.

Charles Hay, chairman of the Metropolitan Disciplinary Committee has been sacked after serving them so faithfully for the past six years.

I believe the decision to replace Hay was unanimous and it seems that the "iron hand" which he has ruled with has been the means to his end.

As chairman he has dealt out some hefty suspensions to both players and clubs in his term of office and especially this past season.

New president of the Metropolitan Disciplinary Committee is Lou Debono, the George Cross president, who will be assisted by Ted Lezon, formerly of Polonia and John Pick, ex-Slavia.

CROATIA NEED ONLY TO DRAW

One round of the Ampol Cup qualifying series still to go, there is doubt as to who will accompany Melbourne, Slavia and JUST, who are already through to the semis.

Who makes up the quartet will be answered after the battle between Croatia and Hellas this Friday night.

Croatia only need a draw against Hellas to push Hakoah on the same points and with their program finished.

A defeat for Croatia and the Middle Park side would step into the semis.

In the other game Polonia, out of the reckoning, meet Melbourne — already home and dry.

But this won't be any "friendly affair."

Polonia, with plenty of promise, are finding goal-scoring tough and have a problem at centre half.

This game will give them a further chance to experiment before the league season starts.

Melbourne too have more than a passing interest in this result.

A win would not only mean they have topped their section, but would be the only side of the two groups to net full points.

Polonia v. Melbourne

With a vastly superior goal average and undefeated in both games compared with Polonia's solitary point, the Melbourne side should kick-off favorites in this game.

Unless Polonia can find a long-lost scoring touch — and that's doubtful with their present line-up — Melbourne, the more accomplished team, should win.

Croatia v. Hellas

This could be a mighty struggle before the final whistle is blown.

Croatia in the mood can be devastating in attack and with Duncan McKay back to steady the defence and newcomer Friganovic settling in well at fullback, the rearguard is steadier than it has been for some time.

Hellas have lost five goals in two games, scored one and gained a single point in the process.

Defence is crumbling and this is having an effect on the attack.

Croatia should win through.

Penalties missed

An unenviable record was created in last week's Ampol Cup as players of Juventus, Hakoah and JUST all missed penalties.

Bad boys of the games were Davie Closs (Juventus), John O'Neill (Hakoah) and Cirkovic (JUST).

Slavia made the semi-finals for the first time in their history by easily defeating Juventus while Hakoah threw away a firm chance of getting into the semis by failing to press home their superiority against JUST.

Slavia v. Juventus 2-0

The first half, highlighted by some rough play and poor refereeing, was nothing to write home about.

Slavia led deservedly by a single goal at half-time.

In the second half the penalty miss by Closs and a gift goal from Reid after Voigt had fumbled made some sort of excitement.

Over the piece Slavia, much steadier, ran out easy winners.

Juventus once again with a big reshuffle and with Scott and Millar back played too close and made only a token impression on the Slavia defence.

Scorers: Lockton and Reid.

JUST v. Hakoah 0-0

Hakoah should have had this game wrapped up in the first half and made their chances of reaching the semis much brighter.

But they failed to make full use of the many openings and chances.

In the second period JUST steadied and were every inch as good but also failed in the art of finishing.

Then came the two penalty misses with O'Neill and Cirkovic failing miserably.

Near the end Hakoah made an all-out bid to get the all-important goal and in fact, did have the ball in the net.

But offside nullified the goal.

POLONIA, CROATIA WIN IN SA

Polonia continued their winning run and Croatia scored their first win in the South Australian Ampol series last Monday night.

Polonia defeated Victoria 2-1 and Croatia beat Budapest 1-0.

Scorers: Croatia — Slaager; Polonia — Marciniak, Typek; Victoria — Kieboom.

Lions must roar to live for another day

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

USC Lion will make a last ditch bid for an Ampol series semifinal berth when they take on WA Hellas at Hindmarsh on Monday night.

Lion have collected only two points from three games and any result other than a win in this, their last, outing will mean slow music and flowers.

Hellas still have a game against Victoria to come, in their quest to again qualify as a semifinalist.

Hellas can approach this game, even against a desperate Lion, with confidence after their morale boosting win over SM Hellas.

The great "comeback" of Ted De Lyster, recovered from a shoulder injury, lifted the Hellas attack to dizzy heights.

Alex Byrne's return to his scintillating wing wizardry and the goalscoring ability of Alex Zervas, has left Hellas with only one problem — whom to leave out.

This embarrassing but highly enviable state of affairs has been increased by the encouraging debut of Christos Athanasiadis on Saturday night.

Athanasiadis revealed a fluid mid-field mastery that could well stamp him as successor to playmaker Peter Jaksa.

Lion have the job well in front of them but could constitute a threat provided they can find a suitable centre-forward.

Ivan Batusic was given the job against Austria but was discarded for the Victoria clash.

Batusic, who topped last year's Ampol goalscorers, was reinstated for Lion's last game but found Polonia stopper Eugene Novak too experienced.

Newly promoted Port Adelaide are capable of fully extending Croatia in Monday's early game.

HELLAS WINS AND LOSES

West Adelaide Hellas, the 1966 SA league champions, triumphed 2-1 over their Victorian sister club, South Melbourne Hellas, at Hindmarsh last Saturday night.

The challenge game, played before over 4,000 proves that Adelaide is ready to accept a National League.

Adelaide Juventus will follow the lead of Hellas by playing Melbourne Hakoah at Hindmarsh on Saturday March 4.

The match will probably be staged as a night attraction.

Scorers: WA Hellas: Zervas 2; SM Hellas: Kokkinos.

Croatia's greater experience should, however, earn them favoritism.

Port Adelaide followed their inglorious display against Enfield by making four team changes and a host of positional switches.

Goalkeeper Denis Randall, was in fact the only player to retain his position when the "Magpies" lined up for their next match, against Budapest.

The drastic reshuffle brought about a vast improvement.

The most significant feature of Port's last game was the emergence of a bright new winger, John Glen.

Port, with the return from overseas of Colin Alagich, could swing Johnny Baines from defence to attack.

WA HELPS

At last Friday night's Ampol Cup the West Australian Soccer Federation collected \$250 from the crowd to help the Hobart Fire Appeal.

BALTER MOVE HALTED

Former Adelaide Juventus coach, Mario Corti, now with Melbourne Juventus, has been thwarted in his efforts to lure SA fullback Frank Balter to Melbourne.

Burnside-Budapest want a \$2,000 transfer fee for Balter, who has said that he will retire as a player and seek a coaching position if he is not granted a clearance to another club.

Former SA captain Jim Mill is no further advanced in his bid to break away from USC Lion.

The dearth of prolific goalscoring centre forwards in the current Ampol Cup has caused at least two clubs to cast envious eyes in the direction of Malta's young centre, Campbell Bracken.

The Elizabeth-Enfield amalgamation has prompted Victoria SC to apply for a lease of Enfield's ground — Rushworth Reserve — and to request a change of name to Victoria-Enfield.

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Figure No. 22

The French and English were viciously attacking the ships of each other as they returned home from distant lands, laden with rich cargoes. The British Admiral, Edward Howard, was captured and thrown overboard from a French galley in 1513. Without their commander, the British fleet collapsed. Francis I sought an alliance with England and invited King Henry VIII of England to meet him on the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" near Calais. King Henry arrived on a magnificent ship with sails of gold brocade and canvas which had been painted with elaborate decorations. But King Henry refused the proposed alliance and declared war on France in May 1522.

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CHARLTON SAYS HE ISN'T "BRITISH TYPE"

The French "Football Magazine" sent one of its editors, Max Urbini, to Manchester for an exclusive interview with Bobby Charlton.

The result was a refreshingly "different" article.

Because of the growing interest of Manchester United's pending visit to Australia, we reprint the most significant parts of the interview, with due acknowledgment to "Football Magazine".

What was your reaction at being chosen as Europe's "Footballer of the Year" for 1966?

As most of the player awards since the World Cup have gone to either Bobby Moore or Eusebio, I was quite happy to content myself only with the moral satisfaction of having played my part in England's World Cup victory. Then one day the English Press announced I had been named European Player of the Year. I was very flattered. More than you could ever imagine. It proved that I am appreciated outside England, which to me is vital. We, in England, have been isolated far too long — and not only as far as soccer is concerned... My award is proof that England is a living part of soccer's universe.

"Latin" style

Are you surprised that no British soccer writer voted for you in the Player of the Year poll?

You seem to be surprised I was ignored by my fellow countrymen. I'm not. I don't enjoy the same reputation in Britain as I do in Europe because I'm not a "British" footballer in the true sense of the word. I am British enough by birth, tastes and way of life, but I become more of a Latin with a ball at my feet. The English prefer their soccer players to be solid, orthodox and totally geared for collective play. The few unorthodox except-

ions like myself, are, I venture to say, frowned upon although in my case, at least, I have always tried to play for the team. This is the reason why Bobby Moore, who embodies all the virtues the British like to see in their soccer players, walked away with all English awards in 1966.

Miracle of Munich

What was the most extraordinary moment of your life?

The miracle of Munich in 1958 when I survived the air crash. When one has been hurled 80 yards out of a burning wreck only to escape with a few scratches one can only go on one's knees for still being alive. I am perfectly conscious that my still being alive today is a miracle. However, I strongly deny that the Munich catastrophe has tremendously marked my character. This is untrue. Life has to go on and after the crash I played match after match — more than 30 in six months. I was absorbed by football and I think I didn't change fundamentally. My nightmarish experience certainly matured my character, but did not turn me into a different person.

How do you respond to criticism?

A few years ago I used to go wild whenever I heard or read the slightest criticism of myself or Manchester United. Now, at 28, I have mellowed and nothing ever offends me any more. This is easy now because I don't pay any attention to English soccer writers. English soccer writers are good journalists who excel in human interest stories. But I have no respect for their technical critique. I don't think there is one soccer writer in Britain capable of teaching me — or any other professional for that matter — anything. English

soccer writers don't have the same outlook as their Continental counterparts. In Britain they just ask trivial questions, never explore their subject in depth. No British writer has ever interviewed me for more than 10 minutes. I've never had a true conversation about football with any of them.

Can you give us a glimpse of your life, off the field, your hobbies, etc?

I'm a simple man. I get up at eight every morning and I'm at Old Trafford at 9.30 a.m. I train there till noon every day except on match days and Sundays. Outside of training I spend all my time at home in my new house at Lymm, five miles from the heart of Manchester. This house is the aim I fixed myself when I was very young. To own a house is to have a guarantee for the future. I spend my time at home reading, listening to records, mostly light music and musicals. I also enjoy taking my wife and daughters, Andrea and Suzanne, for long drives in my Rover. My favorite hobby is golf, which I play Thursdays or Fridays, but I don't overdo it as golf involves a lot of walking and sometimes too great a concentration for a professional football player whose whole set-up, both intellectual and physical, is geared for an entirely differ-

ent kind of sporting effort.

Do you enjoy any spectator sport?

Yes. I love Rugby League — a real man's game. The Manchester area is a League stronghold and I often watch competition matches. I know all League players in the district and Jimmy Murphy, the great international scrum-half, is one of my closest friends. I like Rugby League nearly as much as soccer as a spectator sport — and that's really saying something!

Brother Jack

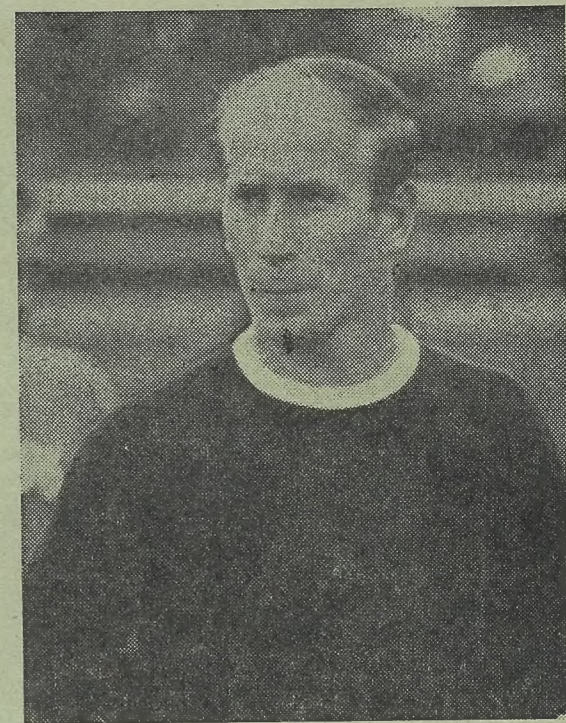
Are you very close to your brother Jack?

I rarely see him. No more than two or three times a year outside of international matches in which we have both been selected. I have my family, my life, my club. He has his. Jacky is totally different from me. He is volatile, demonstrative, talkative and lives his life at an accelerated tempo. I am the opposite. Not that I am morose or stand-offish — ask my team-mates at United! — but I keep my thoughts to myself. But I live just as intensely as any other. One has to know me well. That's all...

Pele the greatest

What is your opinion of today's great international players?

For the last nine years, one player has dominated the



BOBBY CHARLTON

world scene: Pele. The Brazilian ace is undoubtedly, in my eyes, like in that of most other soccer players', the world's greatest. There has never been another like him. He has the ability to interpret football in an ideal manner. He has every technical quality and also knows how to become the perfect team-mate when circumstances call for a collective effort. Pele, alas, is a victim of his reputation and paid the price during the World Cup. I am convinced that Pele's rivals came to England with the sole idea of crippling the great Brazilian team. I have the greatest admiration for the way in which Pele has nearly always been able to play his way out, through sheer brilliance, of the traps set up by his opponents all through his career. He is the only player I ever saw capable of doing precisely what he sets out to during a match. He is the greatest match-winner the world has ever seen. Eusebio has been tagged "Europe's Pele" by the Press, but it's difficult to compare the two. Pele is exceptional. Eusebio is a great footballer, but I don't think he possesses supernatural talent. Eusebio has great punch. He is the gem of Benfica and Portugal, but there

Edwards mourned

Who do you rate as Britain's greatest ever soccer player?

This is an easy question. Stanley Matthews, of course. He was our most extraordinary player of all time. My former team-mate, Duncan Edwards, who died in the Munich air crash, also rates very high in my estimation. He was an exceptional halfback. When he died he was on the threshold of a career which would certainly have taken him to unprecedented heights.

Saints' record win

(Continued from page 2.)

transformed into Demons as they tore mercilessly into the panic-stricken Cumberland defence.

Telfer made in 4-0 in the 42nd minute when he calmly tapped in an opening by Warren, then Warren displayed his characteristic opportunism by intercepting a back pass from Charlton to goalie Hopkins to increase Budapest's lead to 5-0.

Young Cumberland inside-right, Allan, had his moment of glory as he broke away twice within five minutes to reduce the leeway and at the 56th minute the score stood at a more respectable 5-2.

Instead of slowing them down, these goals acted as an added stimulant to a St. George forward line which has rarely been seen to a better advantage.

Warren — that man again! — got his third goal three minutes after Allan's second with yet another of those tearaway dashes which he alone in Sydney soccer seems to pull off so brilliantly.

To complete the rout Cliss showed the many facets of his talent, first in cheekily goading the Cumberland defence into error before passing to De Bruin for Saints' seventh goal in the 65th minute, then by scoring number eight himself with a brilliant solo effort.

As the description of the goals clearly indicate, the match was dominated by two players: Warren and Cliss.

Warren seems to get better every season and today he is the complete footballer and, in my book, must qualify as one of the first choices in any Australian XI.

As for Cliss, he not only confirmed the fine impression he had created in his Sydney debut against South Coast a fortnight ago, but he showed that he is without a doubt one of the best players ever to come out from England.

A playmaker and a goalscorer, the former Chelsea prodigy has transformed Saints' forward-line into a dangerous scoring machine and has lifted a great load off Warren's slender shoulders.

By scoring four goals in two matches, Cumberland showed possibilities in attack, but their defence, by conceding 13 goals, must be reshaped if further catastrophes are to be averted.

Details:

St. George - Budapest: Sokoloff; Isaac, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, De Bruin; Hillhouse, Mansfield (Zuckerman), Warren, Cliss, Telfer.

Cumberland: Hopkins; Smith, Haggett (Charlton); P. Keen, Richards, Grant; Goldie, Allan, Fernie. D. Keen, Crocker.

Scorers: Hillhouse 1 min., Warren 27, 48 and 59 min., Cliss 33 and 69 min. Telfer 42 min., De Bruin 65 min. for St. George; Allan 51 and 56 min. for Cumberland.

Referee: L. Wilson.

Crowd: 3,102 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier

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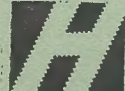
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ROUND THE WORLD

Inter Milan, Celtic tipped

A recent poll taken among Europe's leading soccer writers predicted that Inter Milan would win the European Champions' Cup and Celtic Glasgow the Cup-Winners' Cup. Most writers consulted tipped a seventh European Cup victory for Real Madrid if they can skip the Inter Milan hurdle in the quarterfinal tie, the first leg of which was played in Milan on Wednesday.

Real's popularity grows

Real Madrid's secretary revealed that his club received an average of 250 letters from soccer fans all over the world every week, including far away places like Australia and Madagascar. The letter writers ask for badges, autographed photographs, pennants and even subscription forms to become "socios" (members). Real Madrid employ four girls whose sole job is to answer fan mail.

German coach for Feyenoord?

Max Merkel, Munchen 1860's former coach, is likely to succeed Norwegian Willy Kment as coach of the Dutch Feyenoord (Rotterdam). Merkel has first hand knowledge of Dutch soccer as he coached Holland's national team a few years ago.

Fan's sacrifice

A supporter of Portuguese club Belenenses has offered his eyes to former Belenenses star Vincente Lucas who recently lost his eyesight in a car smash. The supporter, a heart patient, says he is unlikely to survive the next heart attack. His only condition is that officials stop the old feud between his beloved club and their great rival, Sporting.

Rappan Cup no more

The Rappan Cup will be named the "Inter" Cup as from this year. The six-year-old off-season series will also be streamlined and played under a new system. Clubs from East and West Germany, Holland, Poland, Switzerland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Greece, France, Yugoslavia and Luxembourg will be split into six groups of eight teams each. All teams will play each other in a round-robin. The tournament will end at the completion of the round-robin and the six winners of groups will each receive a prize of \$3,000 and the runners-up \$1,500. All matches will be played between June 1 and August 6.

Yugoslav exodus

Red Star Belgrade have lost four more stars to foreign clubs: Kostic, Cop, Stojanovic and Meszaros, all of whom are off to the USA. Since last June Red Star have lost eight regular players and their manager. In the last nine months no less than 122 First Division players left Yugoslavia — equal to more than 11 complete teams.

Rolling in the money

Success has high rewards in English soccer. Between December 10 and January 28 some 275,000 people watched Manchester United play seven home matches at Old Trafford, paying \$175,000 for the privilege.

Those tricky Swiss

The Swiss FA handed down a severe punishment in a recent case. Last December a cup tie between Sion and Luzern was abandoned in the 80th minute with Sion leading 3-0, when five Luzern players left the field in quick succession, claiming injury. As a team must have at least seven players on the field, the referee called off the match. A subsequent inquiry revealed that three of the five "injured" were simulating so Sion got the points with the 3-0 score. Luzern got fined \$200 and the players involved got suspended.

Benfica loses star

Benfica and Portugal have suffered another serious loss: their star forward Augusto cannot play again. During Benfica's recent South American tour Augusto contracted thrombosis and doctors have banned him from active sport.

Grosics off to Cuba

Gyula Grosics, Hungary's famous goalkeeper of the 1950's has joined the growing band of top Hungarian sports coaches helping Cuba's fledgling sport. The former international star will spend two years in Havana coaching Cuba's top goal-keeping prospects.

Prince Rainier of Monaco has called for an extraordinary meeting in the Principality on March 11-12. The Prince wants to launch a European club championship and has issued invitations to representatives of 60 of Western Europe's leading clubs as well as to famous players like Puskas, Di Stefano, Kopa, Fritz Walter, Kocsis, and also Pele. All club delegates and players will be asked their opinion on the project and will exchange viewpoints and ideas. The Prince is footing the bill which is expected to reach \$400,000.

● Scotland and Hungary will meet in Glasgow on August 2.

● At Mexico City Red Star Belgrade and local team, Nexaca, played a 2-2 draw.

● Botafogo of Rio de Janeiro won the triangular Caracas (Venezuela) tournament by defeating Barcelona 3-2. Millionarios Bogota (Colombia) were third.

● Bologna had a 3-0 win over West Bromwich Albion in a first leg Fair Cities' Cup tie at Bologna.

● AC Milan won the famous Viareggio Junior Tournament. Another Italian club, Fiorentina was second and Burevenstnik of the USSR third.

● Universitario has won the Peruvian First Division ahead of Alianza Lima and Sport Boys Lima.

● Three teams are still in the running to win the Mexican title: Toluca, America and Guadalajara.

● AIK Stockholm, the Swedish club that beat Australia 2-1 in Hong Kong in November 1965, have a new manager: Ingemar Ingevik.

● Belgian club Standard Liege will play in Canada, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Mexico in June-July.

● Lula, Santos' sacked coach, is likely to join either AS Roma or Penarol who offered him fabulous terms exceeding \$2,400 a month.

● Espanol Barcelona's president, Vila Reyes, has resigned because the Spanish FA refused to suspend three referees he considered sub-standard.

● Three more West German internationals have been offered lucrative US Professional contracts: Fahrian and Brunnenmaier (Munchen 1860) and Natziger (Bayern Munchen).

● Francisco Martini, Sabadell's Brazilian coach, has been appointed in charge of top Rio club, Bangu. Martini spent 11 years in Spain before returning home.

● Wacker Innsbruck, the Austrian club, were beaten 3-2 by Hapoel Tel Aviv, the Israeli club that lost 1-7 to Hakoah in 1965, and 1-2 by Hapoel Haifa on a recent tour of Israel.

● Alois Kaczmarek, a top US Professional League official, is in Mexico recruiting players. He is after national team 'keeper, Calderon, and international half-back Isidoro, among many others.

● With six rounds left in Spain, Real Madrid cannot lose the competition and will win their 12th title since World War II.

● Sparta Prague won their first Hong Kong match 2-1 against the local national team before a crowd of 13,000.

● The wife of Barcelona's former Hungarian international forward, Sandor Kocsis, who suffered a serious injury in a recent car crash, is now out of danger.

● Argentina's junior national team beat their Uruguayan counterparts 2-0 in Buenos Aires.

● Marcelino, Real Zaragoza's Spanish international centre-forward, was fined \$800 recently for failing to pay two driving fines. He also lost his driving licence for two years.

● England won't send a full national side to the Montreal Tournament in June because most of their regular "A" stars will be on tour with their clubs, including Charlton and Stiles with Manchester United in Australasia.

● Queens Park Rangers have made a bid to take over Brentford and pay all their debts. Both are London clubs.

● Scotland's Celtic have been offered \$25,000 to play just one match in the USA next May. Their opponents are likely to be Inter Milan or River Plate.

● The amateur Morpeth club in Liverpool last month changed its name to "Morpeth-Magyar" to honor the great performance of Hungary against Brazil in last year's World Cup.

● Indoor football is spreading. Now after the Austrians, Germans and Belgians the French have also started an indoor "mini-soccer" league for the winter break. Each team has 5 or 6 players.

● English clubs begin to take seriously the invasion of American managers who try to lure away their stars to the new US Pro League. The latest star who has been approached is England captain Bobby Moore.

● Uwe Seeler's club, the Hamburger SV closed last season with a \$50,000 deficit. HSV has 21 sports sections and 5,000 due paying members.

● Odd statistics: in the Belgian championship so far referees have awarded 30 penalties — only two against the home teams.

● Alexey Kosygin, Soviet Prime Minister, last Saturday watched the Kilmarnock v. Glasgow Rangers match.

Uruguay's South American title

Uruguay won the South American championship by defeating Argentina 1-0 in the final at Montevideo before a crowd of 60,000. Rocha scored the winning goal in the 63rd minute. Chile took third place in front of Paraguay and Venezuela were fifth and Bolivia sixth and last. Brazil did not take part. During the series Artme, the Buenos Aires forward, became his country's top goalscorer ever in international football when he notched his 23rd goal for Argentina.

Three quarterfinalists known

Kilmarnock (Scotland), Bologna (Italy) and Burnley (England) are the only teams which have so far qualified for the quarterfinals of the Fair Cities Cup. The other third round pairings: Lokomotiv Leipzig-Benfica, Leeds-Valencia, Juventus-Dundee, Eintracht Frankfurt-Ferencváros and Dinamo Zabreb-Dinamo Pitesti will only complete their ties on March 8.

African Nations' Cup starts

All the favored teams had big wins in the first matches of the African Nations' Cup which were played last week. In Bamako, Algeria beat Mali 3-0, in Tunis Tunisia whipped the Cameroons 4-0, in Tripoli the UAR beat Libya 3-0 and at Abidjan the Ivory Coast walloped Togoland 7-0. The biggest crowd was at Bamako where 40,000 spectators saw the locals go down to Algeria who fielded six players with First Division French experience.

Torpedo Moscow suspends five

Torpedo Moscow have suspended five players for "unsportsmanlike conduct": Filiakin, Sergeyev, Protzenko, Usatore and Denisov. Winger Sergeyev toured Australia two years ago when he was one of Torpedo's best players. The five players were suspended for "continually arguing with the club's panel of coaches and trainers."

Brazil returns to the fold

Brazil have returned to the South American competitive fold and their clubs will take part for the first time in two seasons in the South American Champions' Cup. Brazil will be represented by Santos and Cruzeiro, the new sensation from Belo Horizonte. Under the complicated South American system the two Brazilian clubs will have to play first against their Venezuelan counterparts, then against Peru's two teams. Nacional Montevideo, Uruguay's new champions, will meet clubs from Chile, Paraguay and Ecuador and Argentina's best will be pitted against Colombian and Bolivian clubs while the Intercontinental Cup holders, Penarol, of Uruguay, have a bye to the quarterfinals.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The ABC has dropped the popular late Sunday afternoon BBC program "SPORTING NEWSLETTER". They claim the program was not drawing a big enough listening audience. Could it be a coincidence that the program mainly concerned itself with soccer? We suggest you write to the Controller of Programs, Australian Broadcasting Commission, GPO Box 487, Sydney if you wish to protest about this astonishing decision.

TAFFY MILES. Cumberland's team-manager has resigned following a dispute with the club's management over the selection of players for Ampol Cup matches.

HAKOAH are reported to be interested in Pan Hellenic's Australian international right winger **ROY BLITZ**.

DAVE REID is now certain to join Melita Eagles. He is likely to make his debut on Sunday against Prague.

The **SOCCER PROGRAM** on 2KY on Saturday at 6 p.m. will be off the air for the next couple of weeks. Fiorelli's have withdrawn their sponsorship and it will take a fortnight for the Federation and 2KY to find a new sponsor.

The proposed exchange of goalies **MEL CLARKE** and **BRIAN TAYLOR** between St. George and Canterbury may fall through as St. George are far from satisfied with Taylor's form. It is possible that Canterbury now will buy Clarke outright.

Canterbury's skipper, **ANGELO ROMANOS**, played with a broken wrist last Sunday against Yugal. Romanos wore a cast on the troublesome wrist which was broken at work earlier in the week.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST president **LES BORDACS** this week denied that John Warren's contract with the club is a "record". Bordacs claimed all payments have been slashed and Warren's guarantee doesn't even reach those of some ex-Budapest stars.

YUGAL are holding a ball on Saturday at their City clubrooms to welcome **ANTE ZANETIC**, their new Yugoslav international wing-half who arrived in Sydney last Thursday week.

St. George-Budapest goalkeeper **FRANK HAFLEY** may be carpeted by his club: last Sunday when he was to be Sokoloff's reserve, he did not turn up at the ground.

Hakoah goalie **PETER FUZES** has passed his second year Pharmacy University exams.

PRAGUE defeated Newcastle Austral 5-3 at Speers Point, Newcastle, last Sunday. In the second half Prague fielded an all-teenage forward line comprised of Cooper, Tracey, R. Manual, G. Manual and Armitage. The youngsters more than held their own and earned the praise of coach Venglos.

Inter-Suburban League **BELMORE** have started operations for the forthcoming season. The club will again compete in the Federation's Inter-Suburban League. This will be the fifth year the club has competed in this competition. They were successful in winning in 1964. The club is in need of players to complete the composition of their side for 1967 and any players interested in trying out with the club should contact the Secretary, Clive Hulbert at 44 Marlowe Street, Campsie. Phone: 78-4384.

GEORGE YARDLEY has signed a contract with Transmere Rovers, the Fourth Division English club. However, Yardley offered to play for St. George-Budapest during the English off-season without any fee at all if the club is willing to pay his and his wife's return airfares. St. George are unlikely to accept the offer.

MELITA EAGLES held a successful function at their new club premises in Addison Road, Marrickville, last Saturday. Many groups in national and fancy costumes attended. Extra seating had to be provided to cater for the overflow crowd.

Some **APIA** players are reported to be unhappy with the training methods of **ADAUTO IGLESIAS**, their new coach. The APIA management, however, is satisfied with Iglesias' work.

Hakoah are not bringing Novisad (Yugoslavia) forwards **MURATOVIC** and **PERUSIC** out to Australia for the time being.

The Northern NSW Federation last week reduced **RAY BAARTZ's** transfer fee from \$8,000 down to \$6,500. Baartz, however, still considers this figure excessive and has lodged another appeal.

FERDO DUNAJ will test his injured ankle in a trial match next weekend, possibly in Newcastle. Should he pass the fitness test, the Yugal coach will make his playing debut for the year in a fortnight.

ASF vice president **JIM BAYUTTI** will make a short business trip to Italy early March. He will, of course, fly **ALITALIA**.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST just can't take a trick with friendly practice matches. So far this year they have lined up three opponents — Canterbury, Cumberland and Melita Eagles — and all pulled out. Melita, in fact, didn't even turn up at the appointed time and place... On Saturday Saints and Polonia will meet in a trial game — we hope...

FRANZ WIMMER has been reappointed coach of Sutherland after a close tussle with **Leo Baumgartner**.



After a long silence **HUGO RODRIGUEZ** has reappeared, even if only in a letter to a Sydney friend. Rodriguez says in this that he is willing to rejoin St. George-Budapest for the humble fee of \$6,000 for two years and \$100 match-winning bonus. The tantalizing offer of Hugo fell on deaf ears.

LATROBE (Queensland) goalkeeper **CLARK** has settled permanently in Sydney. He wants to join a First Division club. Prague were interested in his services but have now abandoned the idea of signing him up as young Gary King is showing great form and Stan Earl is back on deck.

APIA's brilliant under-14 team has issued a challenge to Western Suburbs' Inter-District under-14 side for supremacy in the Western Suburbs area.

BLACKTOWN started training under coach Charlie Toth last Tuesday night at Francis Park. The club is seeking juniors between the ages of 15 and 18. Toth will give the lads thorough coaching every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Francis Park.

BULLI WORKERS, the 1966 Illawarra Premiers, will play a **CHARITY MATCH** in aid of the Tasmanian Bush-fire Appeal at Woonona Oval on Sunday, against South Coast United. The first game will be between Bulli's reserves and South Coast's third grade side and at 3 p.m. South Coast's second team will meet Bulli's first XI. Admission is 20 cents.

CROATIA played a 2-2 draw in Newcastle against **LAKE MACQUARIE** last Sunday. Frank Cush scored both goals.

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EDITORIAL

ABOUT FOREIGNERS...

Last Saturday morning TCN Channel 9 sportscaster Ron Casey attacked the NSW Federation and our whole soccer set-up. He claimed that in Sydney soccer "there is no room for Australians."

He also said that the whole set-up is for the benefit or amusement of foreigners whom, rather sweepingly, he called "Southern Europeans."

We must admit that for a number of years nothing or very little was being done to encourage and develop local talent.

Nobody knows this more than us and nobody campaigned for a new policy in this regard more than this newspaper.

However, things have changed and today's picture is not nearly as gloomy as Ron Casey would like to make you believe.

In the first full round of the 1965 Ampol Cup, for example — before the NSW Federation really began to be conscious of its duty towards local youth — only 19 Australians appeared in our teams, a mere 18 per cent. of the total.

In the corresponding round this year the Australian content has shot up to 55 out of 132 — more than 42 per cent.

In fact, not since the heyday of the old Canterbury, Bankstown, Auburn, and Gladesville have Sydney clubs used more young Australians than today.

In the 1965 Ampol Cup first round, for example, some clubs didn't field one single Australian player.

Compare this with the 1967 figures: APIA 3, Hakoah 2, St. George 5, South Coast 11, Canterbury 5, Pan Hellenic 4, Prague 6, Croatia 5, Polonia 4, Cumberland 6 and Yugal 4.

Ron Casey's reference to "Southern European" domination was also off target.

Had he said that the majority of our spectators were Italian and Greek, he would have been correct.

But he wasn't speaking of spectators.

The majority of our non-Australian born players are, as everybody knows, British.

In fact, we hardly have any Southern Europeans at all: only a handful from APIA, Pan Hellenic, Canterbury and Yugal would qualify for the tag.

The rate of Australians in all teams is increasing and if you consider Second Division as well, they are already in the majority.

But let's go further. The president of the NSW Federation is an Australian, so is the secretary and so are all nine members of the management committee: five born here, the others naturalised.

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JIMMY PEARSON WILL COME BACK TO SYDNEY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The former Pan Hellenic and Australian World Cup forward, Jimmy Pearson, plans to return to Australia within two years.

The pint-sized Scot revealed his plans in a letter to me from Cape Town where he is now playing for the Greek-sponsored club, Hellenic.

Pearson went to South Africa straight after the return of the Australian national team from its 1965 Southeast Asian tour. Pearson was the team's best forward on tour, revealing a brand of football he rarely showed in Pan Hellenic when he joined them for \$4,000 from Melbourne-Hungaria in 1963.



JIMMY PEARSON

Pearson writes that soccer is catching on like wildfire in South Africa where schools, once the exclusive preserve of Rugby Union, are starting to introduce soccer.

The Australian international is doing well, both on and off the field, in Cape Town.

Rated one of the best forwards in South Africa

— although modestly prevents him from admitting it — Pearson has been sought after by many other clubs during the current South African off-season, but Hellenic will not part with him.

Pearson is happy to remain with Hellenic who pay their players very generously and have a much bigger support than their Sydney counterparts.

Crowds in the National League there often reach 25,000 and their Cup final, played at Johannesburg's Rand Stadium, attracts a sell-out crowd of 40,000 every year, irrespective of the finalists.

Despite the short history of the National League in South Africa (it was created in 1959) it has already created a tradition which Australian soccer so badly lacks.

Pearson attributes his

good displays in South Africa to his inside-forward position (either right or left).

"I was never allowed to fill this position — which is my true one — in Sydney," he writes.

"Only on tour with the Australian team did they use me as an inside," he adds.

Two afternoons a week Pearson coaches Cape Town's Jewish team, Israel, which operates in a minor league.

He is also in charge of a school team twice a week.

This is something all South Africa's National League players are expected to do.

Pearson has been selected for the Cape Province representative XI and was also included in the national squad which last year was to have played

against a combined Argentine team.

The Argentines, however, called the tour off on the grounds of apartheid, preventing Pearson from becoming a dual international.

Despite his good life in South Africa, Jimmy is returning to Australia either next year or in 1969.

His wife loved Australia and wants to settle permanently in Sydney where she made many friends during their two and a half year stay.

Pearson hopes to talk a couple of his South African colleagues into coming to Australia with him.

Both will be toplineers who hail originally from the United Kingdom.

Pearson will be 30 when he returns to Sydney and should have no trouble finding a club.

Blacktown Spurs have potential

Inter-Suburban clubs are placing increasing reliance on the quality of their coaches.

Third Division Blacktown Spurs have engaged former senior Slavko Melinz to coach their senior teams.

Blacktown have vast potential as a soccer centre, and the Spurs are playing their part.

A separate junior MC expects to field 19 junior teams in the Nepean competitions, making the Spurs probably the biggest junior unit in the area.

Club secretary D. Eden says that teams are being coached at Maryong Oval, which has recently been top dressed to improve playing conditions.

Two talented under 16s, Stephen Kovacic and Billy Parsons have left the

club to try for higher honors with Hakoah.

Enmore, which performed so well in Canterbury district juniors last year, is the early favorite for the Third Division title.

Clubs admitted to the division this season are: Dee Why, St. Marys, Blacktown Spurs, Kuring-gai, Enmore, Gladesville-Hornsby, Padstow RSL, Liverpool City, Smithfield, Greenacre, Willoughby, and Condell Park.

Inter-Suburban teams are experiencing an acute shortage of grounds for trial matches.

Clubs with grounds during February and March have been asked to make

them available to others, so that the problem can be reduced.

— K.G.

JUNIOR GUIDE

Football amongst the juniors will experience its biggest season ever this year.

Interested players and new clubs should contact the secretary for their own district immediately, to find places for 1967 competitions:—

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Sutherland: H. Dallimore, 52-7014.

Southern Dist.: F. Rayner, 72-3355.

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Nepean: G. Churchward, Penrith B 3905.

Protestant Churches, R. Pearson, Box 2994 GPO, Sydney.

Northern Suburbs: R. Campbell, 43-5999.

Manly: C. Sutton, 81-3261.

Kuring-gai: L. Thomas, 44-4629.

Gladesville: A. Sandell, 84-4240.

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Young champions will get many chances

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The year 1967 will bring more chances than ever to aspiring champions amongst Sydney's junior footballers.

The Australian Youth Carnival will be contested in Sydney, with the Sir Stanley Rous Cup awarded to the winning State.

Championship games are likely to be staged from August 30 to September 4, with the final as early fixture to the First Division championship round robin on September 4.

NSW, along with the other States, will have to contribute \$1,100 to the championship costs.

In addition to this, Sydney Associations are proceeding on the basis that the District Representative League will be for under 16 and 14 years teams.

The change from 18s and 16s to 16s and 14s has met with general approval.

NSW expects that New Caledonia will confirm an invitation for the State under-18 team to tour at the end of the local season.

The tour provides a great incentive for younger players.

The NSW Amateur Association is arranging for its representative under-16 team to tour Malaysia.

At this stage Rotary has generously offered to fund all internal transport, meals, and accommodation costs in Malaysia.

NSW officials have received a reasonable quote

for air fares, and are to seek support from Associations and clubs to meet this for selected players from their districts.

With top class handling, this tour could be a winner in every respect, and its practicability should be explored to the fullest.

The Southern NSW ASFA was recently formed at Goulburn, with six constituent associations.

These are: Southern Tablelands (Goulburn, Moss Vale etc.), ACT, Wagga Murrumbidgee-Irrigation Area, Shoalhaven, and Illawarra.

The president is Bruce Pleasant, Senior V.P., L. Bolden, and secretary Dave Childs.

There are now five main associations in NSW, namely Sydney, Southern NSW, Western NSW, Northern NSW, and Newcastle-Hunter Valley.

The North Coast and North West associations will meet at Gunnedah on February 28 to discuss their area.

North Coast districts to be represented are Beaufort, Lismore, and Gold Coast.

The five main branches have no less than 43 constituent associations — remarkable in view of the short time that soccer has been operative in so many country towns.



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The policy of establishment of First Division clubs at Parramatta, Liverpool, Bankstown, Sutherland and Manly-Warringah had been clearly enunciated at the NSW Federation AGM.

Granville-Parramatta president, Mr. Serdoz, stated that his club's connection with the Cypriot Brotherhood had been dissolved.

Bob Wall has been appointed coach for 1967.

He will have a very talented second team, four of whom helped NSW to win the 1966 Australian Youth Championship in Melbourne.

Mr. Serdoz said that Granville-Parramatta were delighted with the co-operation of the district junior officials, and would therefore give every poss-

ible aid to the Granville under 14 and 16 representative teams who would be offered every facility at Macarthur Park.

Newly-admitted Manly-Warringah Second Division club have been granted a \$3,500 loan by the local Council.

This will enable the club to erect an inner fence and seating at Graham Reserve by voluntary labour, before the 1967 kick-off.